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Watch The Herald Grow!

Borrowed Husbands

A Married Life Story

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EVER—WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! When Nancy and Dr. Langwell returned from their drive, they found Edith sitting alone before the library fire.

"Our guests have gone," she announced. "I'm afraid they had an incredibly stupid day and were sincerely glad to get back to town."

Nancy gave an exclamation of dismay; she had not looked for this yet she felt a queer sense of relief. She was glad to be rid of Curtis Stanley, but there was a little pang of disappointment that Desmond had gone without a word of farewell.

A telegram was phoned to the major from his hotel. Edith explained, "and Mr. Stanley insisted that he had to be in town for an early appointment in the morning. They both left their 'good-bys' with me and regretted having to leave while you were gone."

The doctor flung himself into a chair and stretched his feet comfortably toward the fire.

"I'm not inconsolable because they had to go. No slight meant to your friends, Nancy, but it's rather nice being alone here with two attractive women."

He looked from one to the other of them with smiling complacency. They made a striking contrast. The one so pale and quiet and repressed, so colorless in her hands and face, the other so glowing and vivid, alive from every scintillating blond curl to her extravagantly slipped feet.

There was a lull in the lines of Nancy's gown as her foot brushed the carpet. The doctor's eyes were narrowed under their heavy lids.

"Nancy felt his gaze, though she gave no evidence of it. She was not thinking of him, but of the third of the trio—the girl upstairs—and the mystery of Gerry's check."

"What could Gerry have purchased at Fleurette's shop? For whom could he have purchased it?"

"She experienced the first flare of resentment since the discovery of Gerry's check in the pretty modiste's handbag."

How had Gerry dared take her to task for Maj. Desmond's simple gifts of books and candy, while he himself was probably even then concealing a \$200 purchase destined for some other woman?

Nancy raged at the thought. Not that she really cared a hang if Gerry wanted to make other women presents, she told herself conscientiously, but the unfairness of his attitude toward Maj. Desmond's gifts was maddening.

She was positive that it was her sense of opportunism which was outraged—not her wife's pride.

Again her thoughts returned to the question: Who could the woman be?

Surely not any one of their acquaintance in New York. She would have staked her life on that.

But then she would have staked her life on Gerry being above a sordid flirtation, she told herself bitterly.

"Dear, dependable Gerry," she had always referred to him flippantly. Dear, dependable Gerry, indeed.

Her lips curled with self-scorn at the thought.

She had been a blind fool, and Gerry was no doubt laughing at her ridiculous faith and trust. The stormy scene over Desmond's gifts which had precipitated Gerry's departure had probably been carefully staged by him to allay suspicion concerning himself.

Charge and counter-charge in the old and always-to-be-dependable flame of the matrimonial game.

She remembered something Curtis Stanley had once said:

"When I'm sure Connie has the goods on me and I expect a 'howling out' I always beat her to it with a 'howling out' of my own. It works like a charm."

Nancy drew in her breath sharply. Oh, what a fool she'd been, laughing about Gerry like a love-sick schoolgirl! And looking at the moon!

"I wish I'd let the doctor kiss me," she told herself viciously. "The next time he tries—"

"You may see some of 'em," he suggested.

"All right," said Harvey Hunt. "Always interested in your work, chief." He grinned again, and the chief went on to explain as the two turned up the street toward the Custom House.

"Fellow named Randall," said the inspector. "Sort of international messenger for Bridwell & Co., you know, the big diamond brokers. Ought to know better, too, being in the business. Ought to have better sense than to think he could get away with it."

"Well, he just got in on the Lithuanian with a consignment of stones for his house. Put 'em all through the mill all right, that is all the stones in the consignment. All O. K., see?"

"But he carried one consignment he didn't declare. Little business on the side, you know. Clever stunt, too. Had a big scarab stickpin with him. Imitation turquoise or something like that, and what do you suppose Hunt was inside of it?"

"I couldn't imagine," declared the criminal investigator, trying to look puzzled.

"A great big diamond," said the chief, impressively. "Well, the duty on an imitation turquoise scarf isn't much. He paid it. That night he was robbed at his hotel. Thief evidently thought he had the consignment of stones still with him, but he'd turned 'em over about an hour before. But here's the point. The thief takes the scarab, and this big boob, Randall, reports it to the police. Of course, we got on the job right away, too, so when the police took in a notorious gem thief and found the pin on him, I was on the job. I took a chance and the scarab opened. Just as I thought, there was a diamond concealed in it."

"The yarn Randall handed out to us when he went through the customs was that this scarab was a present from a fellow in an office on the other side to his cousin in this country whom Randall is to look up when he gets here. Pretty thin stuff."

"I don't know, chief," said Hunt, suddenly stopping and facing the other. "but that Randall may not be guilty after all. In fact, I'm sure he isn't. And it wouldn't do you any good with the papers to slip up on an accusation, even if no harm came of it."

"But do you know what it was that mad Harvey Hunt sure Randall was innocent?"

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Can you solve the problem of the hollow scarab?

Well, Hunt, we've caught another one, and the chief inspector's customs proudly. "He doesn't now at yet. In fact, he's going to all of us in fifteen minutes. Walk into my parlor, said the spider to her. 'Ha! Ha! Ha!' The chief laughed loudly in appreciation of his own keenness and humor. Harvey Hunt smiled also, but from different viewpoint.

The chief was really not a bad fellow and would have been checking it right as the holder of a political appointment had been content to save the sleuthing to the regularly raised agents of his department. It was, however, obsessed with an idea that he was a brilliant detective, and periodically broke loose with a personally handled investigation. In justice to him it should be said that he often handled some good cases. He was by no means a blunderer, and as such he had the chief's confidence.

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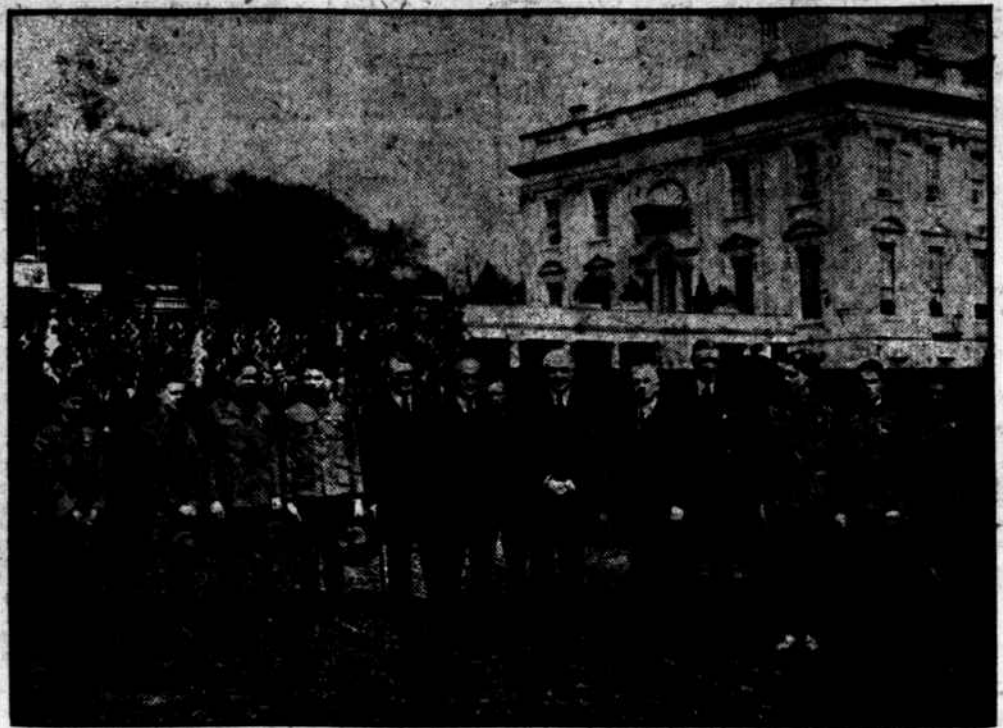
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President Harding Becomes Scout Chief



Underwood and Underwood.

The group, reading from left to right, includes William Jack, Troop 33; Alfred DeGroot, Troop 10; William J. Stephenson, Troop 100; Floyd Harris, Troop 1; James E. West, chief Scout executive; Mortimer L. Schiff, national vice president of Scouts; L. C. Drake, assistant executive of the District Council; President Harding; Colin H. Livingston, national president of the Scouts; Huston Thompson, District Council president; Scoville, Aspinwall, Troop 39; Edwin McKee, Troop 1; and Henry D. Mirick, Troop 1.

Scout Leaders Give Harding High Office

President Harding was officially notified of his selection as national honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America by Colin Livingston, national president, and a committee of national Scout officials and local Eagle Scouts at the executive office of the White House yesterday afternoon.

President Livingston made a short formal speech to President Harding, in which he tendered the office which it is customary to offer to the President of the United States. President Harding acknowledged the tender and accepted praising the Scout officials on their work and extending his offer for aid in the future.

In the party which took part in the ceremony were James E. West, chief executive officer of the Boy Scouts of America; Mortimer L. Schiff, vice president of the national council of New York; Huston Thompson, president of the District Council, and Eagle Scouts Floyd Harris, Edwin McKee, Henry Mirick and John S. McKee, of Troop 1; Alfred DeGroot, of Troop 10; Scoville Aspinwall and William A. Jack, of Troop 39; and William J. Stephenson, of Troop 100.

Daily Hard Knot. I am a well-known proverb, composed of twenty-six letters. My 3-9 is an exclamation. My 13-26-1-6-10 is a geographical division of the United States. My 11-21-20-24 is a married woman. My 5-18-14 is often said of the grocer's bill. My 12-25-22-15-17-7-4 is a kind of tooth. My 16-2-23-19-8 is rapid.

(Answer to yesterday's: The words forming the word square are odor, godo, odds, rose.)

Entry Blanks Out. Entry blanks for the annual indoor municipal playground track meet were sent out yesterday. Entries must be in by April 4. Frank E. Kirk, director of boys' athletics on the playgrounds, said yesterday. Much interest is being shown in the annual classic which will be staged in the Y. M. C. A. April 11, 13 and 16.

Nuts to Crack. Why is the figure 9 like a peacock? (Answer to yesterday's: "What is the first thing you do when you get into bed?"—Make an impression.)

Today's Great Person March 17—Your Birthday. Madame Roland, one of France's most highly gifted and noted women, who, as a member of the Girondists during the French revolution, was executed on Saturday, November 9, 1793. She was born in Paris on Sunday, March 17, 1754. Her dying words were: "Oh Liberty! my crimes are committed in thy name."

opposition from persons who wield power.

It is not a favorable rule under which to seek employment and is most disappointing for all who apply for political appointments.

Venus gives encouragement to all the plans of women who are progressive and seems to promise success for independent political and economic enterprises.

This is a lucky wedding day, making for sympathy and understanding that insure happy marriages.

Persons whose birthday it is have the forecast of a successful future, if they use care in business matters. Travel and change are foreshadowed.

Children born on this day have the augury of good fortune all through life. They will attain their heart's desire.

In behalf of the Imperial War Graves Commission, the Department of Militia at Ottawa is calling for tenders for 3,000 headstones to be supplied during this year for the graves of Canadian soldiers who were buried in Canada. Ultimately about 6,000 stones will be required. There are soldier graves in 1,200 cemeteries throughout the Dominion.

Who Was St. Patrick?

He was the patron saint of Ireland, and it is said, one of the earliest teachers of Christianity the Irish had. He was born in a small village in Scotland in 272.

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